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COMMENT: DURING THE WEEK OF 26 FEBRUARY SANTIAGO

NEWSPAPERS REPORTED A 26 FEBRUARY INCIDENT IN WHICH A NOB ATTACKED

A CHILEAN NATIONAL POLICE (CARABINERO) COMMISARIAT BUILDING IN

LLANQUIHUEIN THE SOU THOS CHILE BECAUSE OF THE ARREST CFA

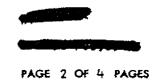
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MEMBER, SERGIO G OME ZFLORES, WAS ARRESTED FOR PROVOKING

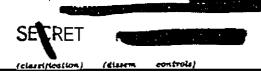
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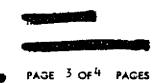


EFFORTS TO LEAD A COUNTERDEMONSTRATION AGAINST AN OPPOSITION POLITICAL PROGRAM. A SA RESULT OF THE INCIDENT, TEN CARABINERO OFFICIALS WERE WOUNDED, AND THEIR BUILD IN GWASRANSACKED BEFORE

THE CROWD WAS DISPERSED' WITH TEAR GAS GRENADES.)

INDICATED THAT THAT, BECAUSE GOMEZ MAS A KNOWN MIRLE AD E R . GOMEZ WAS INSULT IN GT O THE CARABINERS BEFORE AND DURING HIS DETENTION, HE WAS TREATED ROUGHLY BY THE CARABINEROS.GOMEZ USED THIS TREATMENT TO INCITE THE CROWD WAITING OUTSIDE THE CARABINERO COMMISARIAT TO ATTACK. THE LOCAL COMMANDER, MAJOR RENE A ST 0 R G A. ISSUED A SPECIFIC ORDER PROHIBITING THE USE OF FIREARMS FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN FIRING WARNING SHOTS INTO THE AIR. THE CROWD SUBSEQUENTLY ENTERED AND RANSACKED THE BUILDING, BEFORE IT. WAS DISPERSED BY TEAR GAS. FIVE MEN, KNOWN BY CARABINEROS TO BE EXTREME LEFTISTS, WERE DETAINED.

3. THERE HAS BEEN A STRONG REACTION TO. THE LLANGUIHUE INCIDENT AMONG MOST CARABINEROS IN SANTIAGO. MOST OF THE OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A CONTINUING PRECEDENT OF



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PROHIBITIONS AGAINST ANY VIGOROUS CARABINERO ACTIONS IN THE FACE OF DIRECT ATTACKS BY EXTREMIST GROUPS. MANY OFFICERS FEEL THATJOSE MARIA SEP UL V E DA GALINDO, DIRECTOR SENERAL OF THE CARABINEROS, SHOULD FORCEFULLY REQUEST THAT THE CARABINEROS BE ALLOWED TO REACT FIRMLY AGAINST DIRECT ATTACKS IN 'ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE CLEARLY TO EXTREMISTS THAT VIOLENCE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. COMMENT: DURING THE PAST YEAR, CARABINEROS HAVE BECOME EVEN MORE CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR VIGOROUS POLICE ACTIONS, WHICH THEY FEEL WOULD IMPROVE THE PUBLIC IMAGE CF THE CARABINEROS AS A CAPABLE POLICE FORCE AND HENCE IMPROVE THEIR MORALE. HOWEVER, EVEN THOUGH THE CARABINEROS BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO A CT MORE FORCEFULLY, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT GENERAL SEPULVED A WILL CONFRONT GENERAL CARLOSP R A TSOR ANYONE ELSE ON THIS ISSUE. IF ORDERS FOR STRONG ACTION ARE FORTHCOMING, THEY YOULD PROBABLY, HAVE TO COME DIRECTLY FROMGENERAL PRATS AND NOT AS COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A DEMAND F R O M SEPULVEDA.) "EL MERCURIO, DIRECTOR GENERAL SEPULVEDA MET WITH GENERAL PRATSON'25 FEBRUARY 'id' D ISCUSS THE LLANQUINGE AFFAIR. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, SEPULVED A COMMENTED THAT THE CARABINEROS

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WOULD ACT FIRMLY IN THE FUTURE TO PUT DOWN VIOLENCE OF THIS NATURE. SEPULVED A ALSO. PRAISED THE ACTIONS BY THE CARABINEROS INLLANQUIHUE, SAYING THAT THEIR RESTRAINT PREVENTED A MASSACRE FROM DEVELOPING.)

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